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“Today is better than yesterday and tomorrow will be better than today”.

In this edition, we explore into the profound implications of the latest census report, a comprehensive snapshot of our society that goes beyond mere demographic statistics. The census serves as the cornerstone for informed decision-making, guiding policies that shape the trajectory of our local communities and the country as a whole.

The census result shows that the population of Msukaligwa local Municipality was 199 314 in 2022, an increase from 149 377 in 2011. The population grew by 33.4% between 2011 and 2022. While the annualise population growth was measured 2.21% in 2011 and at 3.03% in 2022. Population of working age (15-64 years) increase from 65.5% in 2011 to 69.0%.

The number of households is recorded at 67827 in 2022 an increase from 40932 in 2011 giving an average of 2.9% as compared to 3.6% in 2011. The number of formal dwelling units increased to 84.5% in 2022 as compared to 75.3% in 2011.

Access to pipe water in dwellings increase from 53.0% in 2011 to 64.6% in 2022. Access to flushing toilets connected to sewerage increase from 72.9% in 2011 to 79.0% in 2022. Electricity for lighting increased to 87.2% as compared to 74.7% in 2011. The weekly refuse disposal service increase from 65.5% in 2011 to 73.8% in 2022.

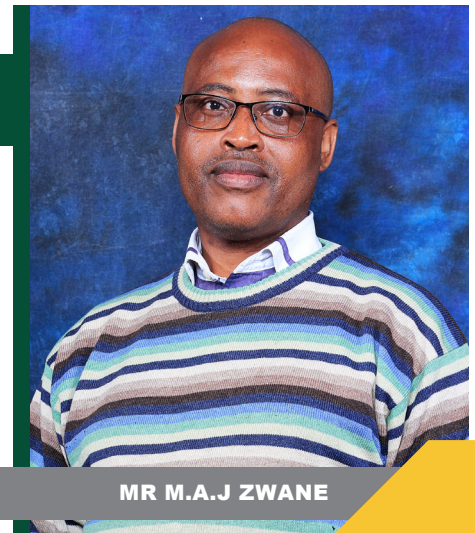
One standout theme underscored by the census data is the vital role it plays in catalyzing improved service delivery. As we analyze the numbers and trends, it becomes evident that a well-executed census is not merely a headcount but a cornerstone for effective governance. The data empowers authorities to identify areas with rapidly increasing needs, allocate resources strategically, and fine-tune public services to match the evolving demands of a dynamic population.

“The census report serves as a mirror reflecting the diversity and complexity of our society.”

The complex interaction between census insights and service delivery becomes particularly pronounced in the context of population growth. As our communities expand, so too do the challenges and opportunities. The census report provides an invaluable roadmap for planners and policymakers to navigate these waters, ensuring that growth translates into enhanced quality of life for all citizens.

Moreover, the census report serves as a mirror reflecting the diversity and complexity of our society. It captures the nuances of population dynamics, shedding light on demographic shifts, urbanization trends, and the evolving composition of our communities. This information is indispensable for fostering inclusivity and tailoring services to meet the unique needs of different demographic groups.

As we explore the report which is available on the website of Statistics South Africa, which is <https://www.statssa.gov.za> let us not only recognize the numbers but appreciate the stories they tell—the narratives of a vibrant, growing population and the challenges and triumphs that accompany it. The census is not just a bureaucratic exercise; it is a collective narrative that shapes the future of our society.



MR M.A.J ZWANE

Our focus in this second quarter of 2023/2024 financial year has been on service delivery in our municipality. It has been a great pleasure to witness the construction of roads, the resurfacing of our roads, the closing of potholes this has been done in responding to the challenges faced by our municipality which I have promised the communities of Msukaligwa Local Municipality to attend during the State of the Municipal Address at Lothair Community Hall on the 30th of May 2023. The Municipality was also able to procure the following light and yellow fleet for different departments of Msukaligwa Local Municipality as part of improving the service delivery to our communities: four bakkies, one grader machinery and front-end loader for Technical Services Department as well as four light vehicles for Community and Social Services Department. The above light and yellow fleet shall assist the Municipality in providing service delivery in all the 19 Wards in our Municipality.

As part of fighting the Gender Based Violence and Femicide during this second quarter we also put more focus on the National Campaign which was launched by the national government which is the 16 days of activism against women and children under the theme “Accelerating Actions to End Gender Based Violence & Femicide, Leave no One Behind”. We should continue 365 days to observe this campaign, as women and children are abused and killed throughout the year hence our programs should continue covering the entire year.

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Our Municipality has launched the Gender Based Violence and Femicide-Rapid Response Teams which is going to respond directly against this scourge which continues distressing women and children. Our Municipality continues to experience the damaging of infrastructure such as water pipes, water pumps, electrical equipment

and stealing of electrical cables this act of criminality should be condemned by both the Municipality and the Community at large and I would like to appeal to communities to report this criminality to both the Municipality and the South African Police Service.

Let me take this opportunity and congratulate Mr Chibulo Okpugo who is a resident in our Municipality at Ermelo, a young sportsman who has represented South Africa and Mpumalanga Province during the Karate Competition which took place in Zimbabwe Harare in June 2023 in the Southern African Region under the United Federation of African Karate (UFAK) he has received several awards in other competition both National and Provincial.

Our Municipality participated in the South African Municipal Sports & Recreation Association (SAMSRA) games which took place in Durban from the 2nd to the 6th of October 2023. Our employees participated on the following sporting codes during the (SAMSRA) 2023 games: Netball; Tug-of-War; Long tennis; Volleyball: Men & Ladies; Pool and Soccer. Msukaligwa Long Tennis Team became the National Champions during this competition. We congratulate the teams and all other players who participated in these games on behalf of Msukaligwa Local Municipality.

The positive performance that has been shown by the Cricket National Team the Proteas during the ICC Men's Cricket World Cup India 2023 continues to inspire us as South Africans and we must continue to rally behind the Proteas. Let me congratulate again the Rugby National Team for becoming the Rugby Champions for the fourth time and they continue to raise the South African flag high on the international stage and as Msukaligwa Local Municipality we salute them. Let me take this opportunity and congratulate Mr. JK Makhubu who was elected as a Ward councillor for Ward 9. During this second quarter my office was able to conduct the following Mayoral outreach programmes as follows:

I would like to congratulate the Local Aids Council of our Municipality for its positive performance and the hard work they continue to display. Our Municipality has received the following Awards during the MPAC Awards Ceremony in during December 2023, which were held in Mbombela. The following was awarded: The best performing Municipality Award for 2023; The best Civil Society Award for 2023 and The best coordinator Award for 2023 which was awarded to Ms. N Sibanyoni.

During this quarter the Auditor General will commence with the auditing of the previous financial year, I would like to commend the administration for working tirelessly in achieving the better audit outcomes. As the year draws to a close and we approach the festive season, it brings us great joy to extend warm season's greeting to all residents and employees of our Municipality.

During this festive season, most families travel to different destinations, it is important that you adhere to the road regulations and observe pedestrian on the roads. Let us prioritize safety while in the spirit of celebration. We request all road users to obey road regulations not to drink and drive, arrive alive.

As we bid farewell to 2023 and welcome the new year, on behalf of the Msukaligwa Local Municipality let me take this opportunity and wish all residents and employees of our Municipality a Merry Christmas and a prosperous new year.

May God bless you all.

ALDERWOMAN M.P NKOSI EXECUTIVE MAYOR





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EXECUTIVE MAYOR



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CLLR S.E NGOVENE
COMMUNITY & SOCIAL
SERVICES

USODOLOBHA

Imisebenzi esemqoka kaSodolobha

phakathi kokunye ukukhuthaza isithunzi sikamasipala. Ukuhola imihlangano yeKomidi likaSodolobha, ukuhola kanye nokukhuthaza ukuthuthukiswa komphakathi nomnotho kumasipala. Khuthaza ubudlelwano phakathi kohulumeni kanye nezikhungo.

IKOMIDI LIKASODOLOBHA

Imisebenzi esemqoka yeKomidi likaSodolobha, ukunikeza usizo kuSodolobha ekusebenziseni igunya lakhe. Ukuhlonza izidingo zikamasipala, ukubuyekeza futhi uhlole lezo zidingo ngokulandelana noma ngokubalulekile.

Ukuncoma amasu oMkhandlu kaMasipala, izinhlelo nezinsizakalo zokubhekana nezidingo ezibalulekile ngohlelo lwentuthuko oludidiyelwe kanye nokulinganisa imali engenayo kanye nezindleko kucatshangelwa noma yiluphi uhlelo olusebenzayo lwentuthuko kazwelonke neyesifundazwe futhi kunconywe noma kunqunywe izindlela ezingcono kakhulu ezihlanganisa ubambiswano nezinye izindlela zokuletha lawo masu, izinhlelo kanye nezinsizakalo ukuze kuzuze uMphakathi. IKomidi likaSodolobha liqokwa uSodolobha futhi lihlakazwe uma eyeka ukubamba.



CLLR N.S XABA
USOMLOMO



ALDERWOMAN P.T SIBEKO
USOTSHWEBU



CLLR M.A NZIMANDE
USIHLALO

IMISEBENZI KASOMLOMO

NgokweSigaba 37 soMthetho Wokwakiwa Komasipala njengoba uchitshiyelwe imisebenzi. Usomlomo womkhandlu kamasipala:

- Wengamele imihlangano yomkhandlu;
- enze imisebenzi futhi asebenzise amandla anikezwe kusomlomo ngokwesigaba 32;
- kumele aqinisekise ukuthi umkhandlu uhlangana okungenani njalo ngekota.
- kumele igcine ukuhleleka ngesikhathi semihlangano;
- kumele aqinisekise ukuthi umkhandlu nasemakomitini oMkhandlu uyahambisana neNdlela Yokuziphatha ebekwe oHlelweni 5: kanye
- nokumele, aqinisekise ukuthi imihlangano yomkhandlu iqhutshwa ngokuhambisana nemithetho nemiyalelo yomkhandlu.

IMISEBENZI KA-SOTSHWEBU

NgokweSigaba 41B soMthetho Wesakiwo Somasipala njengoba uchitshiyelwe imisebenzi kaSotswebhu womkhandlu kamasipala:

- uxhumana namaqembu ezeopolitiki ahlukene ukuqinisekisa ukumelwa emikhandlwini nasemakomitini omkhandlu;
- Ugcina ubudlelwano obuhle phakathi kwamaqembu ezeopolitiki ahlukene;
- Wazisa osotswebhu bazo zonke izinhlangothi ngezindaba ezibalulekile ohlelweni lomkhandlu;
- Usiza usomlomo ukubala amavoti emhlanganweni womkhandlu;
- Wenza kube lula ukusebenzisana phakathi kwesigungu esiphezulu kanye nezinhlaka zokwengamela umthetho kumasipala; futhi
- uxazulula izingxabano phakathi kukasomlomo, imeya noma imeya yesigungu, noma amalungu ekomidi likameya.

IKOMIDI LIKAMASIPALA LE-PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE (MPAC)

NgokweSigaba 79A Isigatshana (3) soMthetho Wokwakiwa Komasipala. Umkhandlu kamasipala kumele unqume imisebenzi yekomidi lezimali zikamasipala, okumele lifake lokhu okulandelayo:

- ibuyekeze imibiko yoMchwani Mabhuku Jikelele kanye nokuphawula kwekomidi labaphathi kanye nekomidi lokucwaningwa kwamabhuku bese lenza izincomo emkhandlwini kamasipala.
- Libuyekeze imibiko yocwaningomabhuku lwangaphakathi kanye nemibono yekomidi labaphathi kanye nekomidi lokucwaninga amabhuku futhi enze izincomo emkhandlwini kamasipala;
- liqale futhi lithuthukise umbiko wokwengamela wemibiko yonyaka ehlongozwe esigabeni 129 soMthetho Wokuphathwa Kwezimali Zikahulumeni Wasekhaya;
- libhekelele futhi lenze izincomo emkhandlwini kamasipala nganoma yiluphi udaba oludluliselwe kuwo umkhandlu kamasipala, ikomidi eliphezulu, ikomidi lomkhandlu, ilungu laleli komiti, ikhansela kanye nemenenja kamasipala; futhi
- ngokuthanda kwawo, ngokuya ngesiqondiso somkhandlu kamasipala, iphenye futhi ibike emkhandlwini kamasipala nganoma yiluphi udaba oluthinta umasipala.

(4) Imibiko yekomidi lezimali zikamasipala kufanele ihanjiswa kuSomlomo okufanele ethule leyo mibiko emhlanganweni olandelayo womkhandlu kamasipala.

The Municipality is responsible for delivery of basic services to its communities in terms of the provisions of both Section 152 and Schedule 4 of the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa, which provides for the object of Local Government that requires municipalities to provide the following:

- to provide democratic and accountable government for local communities;
- to ensure the provision of services to communities in a sustainable manner;
- to promote social and economic development;
- to promote a safe and healthy environment; and
- to encourage the involvement of communities and community organizations in the matters of local government.

Section 151(2) further provides that a municipality must strive, within its financial and administrative capacity, to achieve the objects set out in subsection (1)



MR M KUNENE
MUNICIPAL MANAGER

Therefore, the Integrated Development Plan of the municipality is prepared in line with the provisions of the Municipal Systems Act, the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa and all other legislative mandates to ensure sustainable and quality service delivery to its communities.

We continue to hold consultative meetings in the different wards in Msukaligwa which are preceded reviewing its Integrated Development Plan (IDP) annually. Due to changing circumstances the development plan is continuously amended after consultations with communities especially in primary areas of municipal intervention; i.e. after the torrential rainfall experienced in 2021, the municipality had to reprioritize the Construction/of affected roads like Msheveni Street & Mthambama Street in Wesselton. They were not part of the 2022/23 -2026/27 IDP, but it was revised to include them and other capital projects. Communities played crucial roles in identifying the most pressing concerns that need intervention. The integrated development plan aims to inform all planning, budgeting, and decision-making processes of the municipality. During the 2022/2023 – 2026/2027 IDP five (5) year cycle the municipality intends to address key service delivery priorities without risking the financial sustainability of the institution.

“The integrated development plan aims to inform all planning, budgeting, and decision-making processes of the municipality.”

The Public Participation Policy and Public Participation strategy that outline the various measures on how the municipality engages with the community members was adopted and is being implemented by the municipality. The municipality has adapted to different mechanisms in order to engage with the community which include the use of social media platforms. In terms of Section 152 of the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa, Local Government Municipal Systems Act, Act 32 of 2000 as amended and Local Government Structure Act, Act 117 of 1998, Municipalities are required to:

- Encourage the involvement of communities and community organizations in matters of Local Government.
- Develop the culture of participatory development.
- Establish ward committees as a vehicle for community participation.

Community Participation takes place to involve communities during the following processes:

- The preparation, implementation and review of the Integrated Development Plan (IDP).
- The establishment, implementation and review of its Performance Management System.
- Preparation of the Budget.

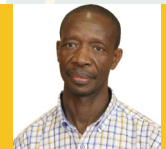
The following are structures established to promote community participation:

- Integrated Development Planning (IDP) Representative Forum
- Ward Committees and Ward Community Meetings
- Community meetings and public hearings.
- Community Development Workers
- Newsletters
- Radio broadcast slots
- Municipal Official Web site
- Municipal Official Facebook page

We encourage the community of Msukaligwa to actively take part in Public Participation



MR M KUNENE
MUNICIPAL MANAGER



MR PS MABUZA
DIRECTOR: CORPORATE SERVICES



MS H MAGANYA
DIRECTOR: PLANNING & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT



MR K NHLABATHI
DIRECTOR: FINANCE / CFO



MS PZ DUMA
DIRECTOR: TECHNICAL SERVICES



MR MS LUKHELE
DIRECTOR: COMMUNITY & SOCIAL SERVICES

MUNICIPAL MANAGER: OFFICE OF THE MUNICIPAL MANAGER

The purpose of the Office of the Municipal Manager is “To coordinate and manage the provision of service delivery in accordance with the legislation governing local government.” and the functions are as follows:

- Manage technical services;
- Coordinate the provision of community services;
- Coordinate municipal planning and economic development;
- Manage financial matters;
- Manage corporate services;
- Manage communication, IGR and contact centre services
- Render internal audit services;
- Render risk management services;
- Manage integrated development plan and organisational performance management system; and
- Manage and coordinate the provision of municipal services in the service delivery units.

DIRECTOR: COMMUNITY AND SOCIAL SERVICES

The purpose of the Department is “To coordinate the provision of community services” and the functions are as follows:

- Render disaster, security management and law enforcement services;
- Coordinate waste management and environmental services;
- Coordinate the maintenance of parks, sports and cemeteries;
- Render traffic management services;
- Render fire management services;
- Manage the provision of drivers and motor vehicle registration and licensing services; and
- Render library and information services.

DIRECTOR: CORPORATE SERVICES

The purpose of the department is “To manage corporate services” and the functions are as follows:

- Render human resource management and development services;
- Render legal services;
- Render secretariat and records management services;
- Manage information and communication technology services;
- Provide maintenance to municipal buildings;

DIRECTOR (CFO): FINANCE

The purpose of the department is “To manage financial matters” and the functions are as follows:

- Manage municipal budget and financial reporting;
- Manage municipal assets, insurance and fleet management services;
- Manage expenditure services;
- Render supply chain management services; and
- Render revenue, credit control and cash management services

DIRECTOR: PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

The purpose of the department is “To coordinate municipal planning and economic development” and the functions are as follows:

- Render spatial planning and land use management services;
- Render sustainable and integrated human settlements planning and property management; and
- Promote local economic development services.

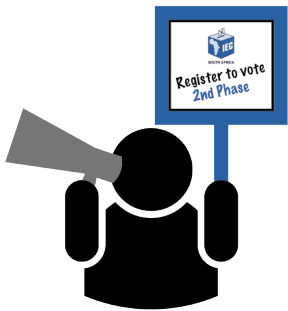
DIRECTOR: TECHNICAL SERVICES

The purpose of the department is “To manage technical services” and the functions are as follows:

- Render vehicle and plant mechanical services;
- Manage municipal infrastructure development programmes;
- Manage roads and storm water services;
- Manage water and sanitation services; and
- Render electricity services.

HOW TO REGISTER TO VOTE

PHYSICAL REGISTRATION

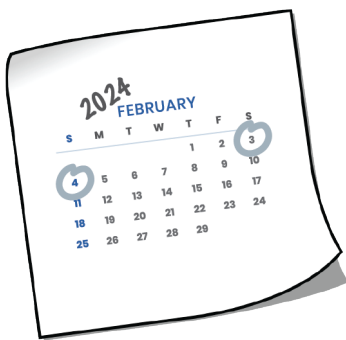


WHAT?

The Independent Electoral Commission (IEC) has announced the commencement of the second phase of voter registration.

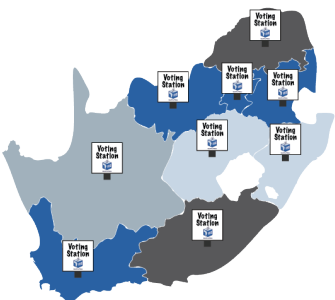
WHEN?

On the weekend of the 3rd and 4th of February 2024. However voters can visit the IEC office to register and or update their details. There are offices situated in every province. (Msukaligwa IEC office in Ermelo).



WHERE?

Register where you live, Vote where you are registered. Numerous registration stations across the country (23 296 stations) and (77) stations across the Msukaligwa jurisdiction.



WHY?

To be eligible to vote on the day elected.



WHO?

The communities of Msukaligwa can participate in the second phase of the voter registration, by ensuring that the following criteria(s) are met.

1. South African Citizenship: One must be a citizen of south Africa
2. Age requirements: One must be 18 years or older on the day of the election
3. Proof of identity: One must bring a valid South African ID document or smart card ID.

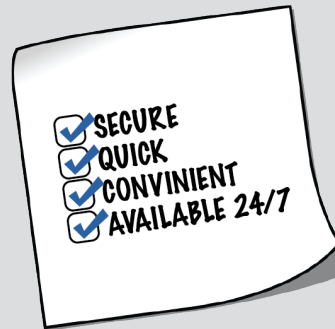
Department of home Affairs ensures that citizens who applied for their ID, will receive it on time, to insure that everyone can, and is able to register and vote



ONLINE REGISTRATION

WHY?

Online voter registration is a safe, Quick, easy and convenient platform available 24/7 until the voters roll for an election closes with proclamation



WHEN?

The online access facility is available 24/7 until the voters' roll closes when the election in question is proclaimed (announced).



HOW?

www.elections.org.za

Go to registertovote.elections.org.za

- Check and confirm your eligibility
- Enter your ID number, name and surname, contact details, and confirm OTP
- Capture your address details
- Upload a photo or copy of your SA ID-green ID book, smartcard ID or a valid temporary ID
- Get a notification that you have applied and are registered to vote within 24 hours



WHO?

All eligible voters Registration, Inspection, and updates are accessible via, www.elections.org.za. Voters may also visit local commission offices or capitalize on various activation campaigns to register and update their information.



CHECK YOUR STATUS?

- www.elections.org.za
- 017 819 7435 (office number)
- 060 080 0000 (whatsapp number)
- 080 011 8000 (call center)



USODOLOBHA WASEMSUKALIGWA USINGATHE IMBIZO EYIMPUMELELO KUWADI 9, E-WESSELTON

Ngomhla ka-27 ngenyanga kaMfumfu 2023, uSodolobha kanye nabanye ababambiqhaza baqala ngokuvakashela indawo esesandisweni sesi-7, lapho umasipala wawunikele khona ngesitendi kumndeneni wezintandane ezingenakhaya. Inhloso bekuwukubona inqubekela phambili kwendlu eyakwakiwa yi-Standard Bank. “Siyabonga kakhulu ku-Standard Bank ngoxaso abasiphe lona nokusebenzisana nathi singuMasipala nabahlali” kwasho uSodolobha ngesikhathi enengxoxo emfushane neLigwa FM.

Izakhamuzi zase-Thusi zatheleka ngabomvu ukuzoxoxisana noSodolobha womkhandlu waseMsukaligwa, u-M.P Nkosi kwi-Imbizo eyabanjelwa endaweni yase-By Grace Church e-Wesselton. Abamele iminyango eminingi efana noMnyango wezeMpilo kanye nePhiko laMaphoyisa aseNingizimu Afrika (SAPS) banikeza igunya labo futhi baveza nezinkinga ababhekana nazo ngaphambi kokuba baphendule imibuzo evela kumalungu omphakathi. Isishayamthetho sesifundazwe sathumela ummeleli waso ukuthi azofundisa abantu ngokuvota ngaphambi kokhetho lokuchibiyela eMsukaligwa; njengoba kuyilungelo laso sonke isakhamuzi ukuthi sibe nemfundo yokuvota efanele.

Amalungu omphakathi axoxisane ngokukhuthala nabaholi

babo, abamele iminyango yemboni kanye nabaholi bezinhlaka zendawo futhi bacobelela imibono yabo nezinto ezibakhathazayo ezindabeni ezinjengokuntuleka kwemisebenzi kanye nesimo seBhuloho i-Mofokeng. uSodolobha womkhandlu waseMsukaligwa kanye nomnyango womkhakha ofanele baphendule ezinkingeni ezingaphansi kwegunya labo kanye nokunye lapho kuqoshwe khona ukuze izinhlangothi ezithintekayo zenze izinhlelo ezibambekayo zokubhekana nazo esikhathini esizayo.

Ihhovisi likaSodolobha lisingatha futhi lenze Imbizo ka-Sodolobha ngokuhambisana neSahluko sesi-7 somthethosisekelo, isigatshana se-152 (1) izinjongo zikahulumeni wasekhaya – (e) ukugqugquzela ukuzibandakanya kwemiphakathi kanye nezihlangano zomphakathi ezindabeni zikahulumeni wasekhaya.

Umasipala uyakujabulela ukubona lezi zenzo zokuxoxisana nomphakathi eMsukaligwa; Imbizo ka-Sodolobha yaseWesselton ingesinye isitebhisi sokwakha ubudlelwano obuhle bokusebenzisana nabaholi abasemkhakheni wokulethwa kwezidingo. Ngokukhuthaza ubudlelwano obunjalo sizoqhubeka nokwakha kabusha umasipala wethu kanye nemiphakathi esihlala kuyo.



USODOLOBHA u-MP NKOSI EKHLUMA KU-IMBIZO.



ILUNGA LEKOMIDI LOMKHANDLU, MMC u-TJ MADLALA.



[FLTR] MMC TC MOTHA, WHIP OF COUNCIL PT SIBEKO, G NGWENYAMA (YOUTH OFFICER), MMC BP MOLLO, EXECUTIVE MAYORALDERWOMAN MP NKOSI, MMC ES DHLAMINI, MMC CE MSEZANE, CLLR TJ MADUNA, MMC SE NGOVENE AT THE MAYORAL IMBIZO.

[NGEZITHOMBE]



TID ROLLOVER COUNTDOWN TO 2024

Is your prepaid meter reset?



WHAT IS TID?

- A unique token Identifier (TID) is calculated and coded into the token every time a token is created at the POS.
- The TID is currently calculated as the number of minutes that have elapsed since a base date of 1993.
- The meter records the TID when the token is entered into the meter-this prevents token replay.
- Think of your car Odometer rolling over to zero.

LIMITATIONS OF TID?

- The TID has a limited range of 31.9 years
- On 24 November 2024 the TID will reset (roll over to zero).
- Any new tokens after this date will not be accepted by the meter as the meter will consider these as being "OLD".

WHERE TO START?

- The remedy is to clear the meter's memory of previously accepted TIDs and to change the meter's cryptographic key at the same time in order to prevent token replay
- We need to ensure that all meters be "key changed" to continue working
- This process involved 2 sets of 20-digit tokens being inputted into the existing meter
- Msukaligwa Local Municipality will utilize a dedicated field-service team (with identification) to visit each meter (between 1 October 2023 and 24 November 2024) and then enter the key change token pair.

FOR ANY QUERIES

Tel: 017 801 3500/3750
or email to complaints.eng@msukaligwa.gov.za

Web: www.msukaligwa.gov.za
#TIDRolloverCountdownTo2024



COMPLETED ROAD OF AVENUE STREET.

OFFICIAL HANDOVER OF COMPLETED ROAD PROJECTS IN WESSELTON

The Executive Mayor, Alderwoman MP Nkosi officially handed over the completed road projects of Mthambama Street in ward 1 and 17 as well as Avenue Street in ward 5 Wesselton on 6 November 2023. In improving the deficient state of the Wesselton roads infrastructure, the Municipality initiated the projects through funding from the Municipal Infrastructure Grant (MIG) with a projected budget of R7 618 099.

Construction began in February with the appointed contractor, which created job opportunities for the local people. In total 54 local unemployed community members, were employed by the contractor to work as labour general workers throughout the duration of the projects. Construction of the roads empowered the local businesses with about 9 SMME's (Small Medium and Micro Enterprises), who were appointed as sub-contractors and service providers.

The Wesselton roads were in a substandard condition, which many had potholes and poor drainage that makes it difficult for motorist and pedestrian to use, especially during rainy season in summer. Poor drainage contributes to the deterioration of roads, because water accumulates on the road like ponds which creates a risk of aquaplaning during rain. A wet surface reduces friction which leads to longer braking distances and results in car accidents in most cases. Road drainage system is a mechanism to effectively collect and divert all water that is

gathered around the road. The Executive Mayor in her address said that "During the construction of these roads, a well-designed road drainage system was built to make sure that rainwater is diverted accordingly to not affect the road which can lead to potholes and quality materials were used to not compromise the lifespan of the road".

Executive Mayor, urged community members to take good care of the roads because it is their responsibility to make sure that government projects meant for the community are well taken care of, she pleaded with the community of Wesselton and the Msukaligwa domain not to dump solid litter on the side roads which leads to blockage of the road drainage system rather make use of the legal dumping sites. In her closing remarks, the Mayor promised that the Municipality is working on other projects to improve roads infrastructure within the Msukaligwa domain.

On the day, the Executive Mayor and her entourage in Whip of Council, Alderwoman PT Sibeko, MMC for Planning and Economic Development, Cllr BG Motha, MMC for Finance, Alderwoman CE Msezane, MMC for Community and Social Services, Cllr SE Ngovene, MMC for Corporate Services, Cllr TJ Madlala, MMC Technical Services, Alderwoman TC Motha, local ward councillors and community members who attended this prestigious event, ended the day by visiting the Mofokeng Bridge project in ward 4.



THE EXECUTIVE MAYOR AND HER ENTOURAGE ON A WALK-ABOUT ON ONE OF THE COMPLETED ROADS.



THE COMPLETED MTHAMBAMA ROAD.



OFFICIAL HAND OVER OF THE ROAD PROJECT.

MSUKALIGWA LOCAL MUNICIPALITY SCOOPS FOUR BEST AWARDS

The Mpumalanga Provincial AIDS Council (MPAC) hosted its lekgotla gala dinner on November 30, 2023, at the Civic Centre Hall in the City of Mbombela. Local AIDS Council (LAC) representatives from various municipalities attended the event. The Gala dinner was organised to honour the best local AIDS Councils in the Province of Mpumalanga with Prestigious awards. Msukaligwa Local Municipality (MLM) was nominated in category 7: (Presentation of administrative performances of AIDS Councils), with other Municipalities within the province.

The LAC of MLM received 1st place certificates in Best LAC Chairperson in Gert Sibande District; Best HIV Coordinator in the Gert Sibande District; Best Civil Society in the Gert Sibande District, and a trophy for the best LAC Chairperson. Over the past five (5) years, from the year 2017 to the year 2022, the MLM Local Aids Council has demonstrated consistency in their commitment to addressing the challenges posed by HIV/AIDS within the community.

Among the key contributory factors to the success of the MLM LAC was the unwavering focus on holding regular meetings. The council diligently organise, attend, and participate to the quarterly meetings, ensuring that decisions taken at these meetings are implemented timeously. This was despite the limitation imposed by the lockdown during the COVID 19 pandemic the LAC was able to convene its meeting via online platforms.

Executive Mayor, Alderwoman MP Nkosi who is also the current chairperson of the LAC commented that "At the heart of our efforts lies the belief that collaboration and community involvement are essential in creating a healthier and more resilient society". "As the LAC we fostered a holistic approach to combating HIV/AIDS and TB, and the recognition bestowed upon us is a testament of teamwork and dedication," said the Executive Mayor.

The Executive Mayor thanked the erstwhile Political leadership who also play a pivotal role to the success of the LAC.



CHAIRPERSON OF CIVIL SOCIETY (MR. S NKALA), EXECUTIVE MAYOR (ALDERWOMAN MP. NKOSI), MUNICIPAL MANAGER (MR. M KUNENE), MSUKALIGWA HIV COORDINATOR (MS. NB SIBANYONI)

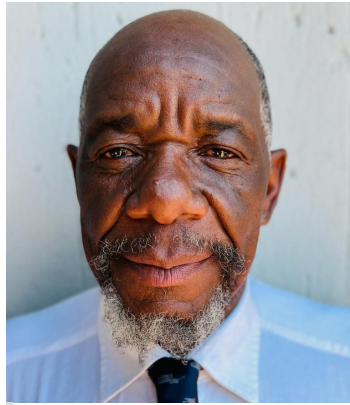


AWARDS RECEIVED AT THE MPAC LEKGOTLA AWARD CEREMONY.

NEW WARD COUNCILLORS TAKE CENTRE STAGE: ELECTION OF TWO WARD COUNCILLORS – ANC AND EFF



CLLR. S.F NGWENYA (WARD 13) EFF



CLLR. K.J MAKHUBU (WARD 9) ANC



CLLR. N.L MASUKU (PR) EFF

In the by-elections contested on 11 October 2023 and on 08 November 2023 respectively in Msukaligwa Local Municipality, the democratic spirit of the community came alive as voters eagerly cast their ballots on who they want to be their new ward councillor.

The contest was particularly intense, with candidates mainly from the African National Congress (ANC) and the Economic Freedom Fighters (EFF) vying for the crucial roles of two ward councillors. The by-elections were as result of passing away of two councillors, Cllr NR Nkosi (ANC), ward 13 in Breyten and Cllr TP Zulu (ANC) ward 09 in Wesselton.

On election day, the atmosphere was charged with anticipation as voters turned out in large numbers to exercise their democratic right. The competition was tight, reflecting the genuine interest of the community in shaping its future through the electoral process.

In the end, both the ANC and EFF secured victories in their respective wards. The EFF's candidate Siphwe Florence Ngwenya, in Ward 13

won with 60,04% (849) of the total votes casted and voter turnout was 42,67% (1423) out of the 3335 total registered voters in the ward.

The ANC's candidate Khandizwe Johannes Makhubu, in Ward 09 won with 78,92% (1415) of the total votes casted and voter turnout was 41,40% (1819) out of the 4394 total registered voters in the ward.

Due to the election of Siphwe Florence Ngwenya, she had to resign as an EFF Proportional Representative (PR) Councillor. An EFF candidate NL Masuku took over the vacancy created as a results of SF Ngwenya's resignation.

The trio, Khandizwe Johannes Makhubu, Siphwe Florence Ngwenya and Nomhle Lilian Masuku took an oath at Ermelo Magistrate Court on the 21st of November 2023. They swore that they will be faithful to the Republic of South Africa, and they will obey, respect, and uphold the Constitution and all other laws of the Republic of South Africa, and they solemnly promise to perform their functions and duties as Councillors for Msukaligwa Local Municipality to the best of their abilities.



THE TRIO, SIPHWE FLORENGWENYA KHANDIZWE JOHANNES MAKHUBU AND NOMHLE LILIAN MASUKU TOOK AN OATH OF OFFICE.



QUALITY OF OUR DRINKING WATER

This report indicates an overview of water quality status for the past 3 months (i.e. October 2023 to December 2023) across Msukaligwa local municipality jurisdiction area. The report is generated from the monthly water results received from Gert Sibande District Municipality water quality laboratory.

Msukaligwa local municipality serves as the water service authority (WSA) as well as water service provider (WSP). The municipality provides access to clean water for the communities within its jurisdiction in accordance with the Constitution of the republic of South Africa Act 108 of 1996, the municipal structures (Act 117 Of 1998).

Approximately 35% of the population of Msukaligwa local Municipality reside in rural areas (farms or villages). The municipality uses both the internal and external expertise and capacity to provide water services to the communities within the six supply schemes, namely Ermelo/Wesselton scheme, Davel/kwaDela scheme, Breyten/kwaZanele & Chrissiesmeer/kwaChibikhulu scheme, Lothair scheme, Sheepmoor scheme and rural scheme.

ERMELO/WESSELTON SCHEME

The Ermelo water supply scheme abstract raw water from Jericho, Douglas and Brummer Dams for the treatment in two water treatment works namely Southern treatment plant (Jericho Dam) at 13 Mega litres per day and Northern treatment plant (Douglas Dam & Brummer Dam) at 14 Mega litres per day with a combined capacity of 27 Mega litres per day and distributed to 152 205 of the populations which covers areas like the whole of Ermelo.

BREYTEN/KWAZANELE & CHRISSIESMEER/KWACHIBIKHULU SCHEME

The Breyten/kwaZanele & Chrissiesmeer/kwaChibikhulu scheme water supply scheme abstracts raw water from the Torbanite dam and Usutu – transfer pipeline via the upper Komati pipeline for treatment in Breyten treatment work with a design capacity of 3 Mega litres per day and distributed to a population of over 28 164 in Breyten / kwaZanele and Chrissiesmeer / KwaChibikhulu.

DAVEL/KWADELA SCHEME

The Jericho scheme/Usutu pipeline water supply scheme abstracts raw water from the Jericho dam for treatment in Davel water treatment plant with a design capacity of 1 Mega litres per day and distributed to a population of 6 145 in Davel and kwaDela.

LOTHAIR SCHEME

The Lothair water supply scheme abstracts raw water from Impuluzi River for the treatment in capacity of 1 Mega litre per day and distributed to over 9 075 population in Slindile and Lothair.

SHEEPMOOR SCHEME

The Sheepmoor scheme abstracts raw water from Jericho dam for the treatment in Sheepmoor water treatment works with the capacity of 1 Mega litre per day distributed a population of 4 175. RURAL SCHEME Drinking water is provided to farms and villages through the maintenance and operation of over 100 boreholes and 8 water tankers for fifty-two farms and villages.

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WATER LABORATORY IN USE

Water samples are collected by the water samplers from Gert Sibande District laboratory for analysis once a month at all our water treatment plants to be tested at their accredited laboratory. The results are then sent to the municipality to be analysed by the samples technicians & water quality supervisor to check if the drinking water quality complies with the standards set by SANS 241: 2015.

WATER QUALITY PARAMETERS

The following Water quality parameters are taken into consideration when analysing the quality of drinking water: Microbiological properties (presence of bacteria, viruses and pathogens); Physical properties (conductivity, PH and turbidity) Chemical properties (fluoride, chloride, nitrate, sulphate, iron, manganese, dissolves salts, metals etc.)

WATER QUALITY OVERVIEW

During the 3 month period from October – December 2023, over 149 water samples were taken. The samples were taken from different locations of water supply schemes which include the treatment works, reservoirs, household's taps, schools and boreholes. Over 79 analyses were done from those samples.

Month	No. of samples	Chemical failures	Percentage chemical compliance	Microbial failures	Percentage microbial compliance
October	25	2	92%	6	76%
November	65	8	88%	8	88%
December	59	8	86%	2	97%

No of samples	149 samples and/or represent
Microbial failures	16
Chemical failures	18

16 (Sixteen) samples (Microbial) points failed to comply with class 1 SANS 241: 2015 and thus equated to 89% compliant.

18 (Eighteen) samples (Chemical) points failed to comply with class 1 SANS 241: 2015 and thus equated to 79% compliant.

The sample points that need attention, marked yellow (i.e. failed to comply with class 1 of SANS 241:2015).

CONCLUSION

The municipality remains committed in safeguarding public health through continuously and consistently monitoring of drinking water quality. The municipality is confident about the quality of drinking water supply at each and every tap. Clean and drinkable water in line with SANS the municipality will ensure the following:

- That all unacceptable sample result at various points will be monitored weekly until they improved.
- Gert Sibande District Municipality will take samples once every month for all water treatment plants to be analysed at their accredited laboratory.

NATIONAL DIABETES AWARENESS MONTH

November is National Diabetes Month, a time when communities across the country seek to bring attention to diabetes. This year's focus is on taking action to prevent diabetes health problems. Diabetes is a chronic health condition that affects millions of people worldwide, including South Africa. In this article we will look at recent studies on diabetes in our country, explore effective management tips.

It is estimated that around 4.5 million South Africans are living with diabetes, with an additional 2 million undiagnosed cases. Unhealthy diets, sedentary lifestyles and genetic predisposition are mainly the cause of diabetes that's according to recent studies. Preventing diabetes is crucial in combating this widespread health issue. South Africans can reduce their risk of developing diabetes through simple lifestyle changes.

Prevention Tips:

- **Healthy Eating:** Embrace a balanced diet rich in fruits, vegetables, whole grains, lean proteins, and healthy fats. Avoid excessive sugar, processed foods, and sugary beverages.
- **Regular exercise** such as walking, jogging, cycling, or dancing.
- **Maintain a healthy weight** through eating health and regular physical activities.

Effective Diabetes Management Tips:

- **Medication and Insulin;** Follow the prescribed medication and insulin regimen as advised by your healthcare provider. Ensure regular monitoring of blood glucose levels.
- **Healthy Meal Planning:** Create a personalized meal plan with the help of a registered dietician or diabetes educator. Monitor carbohydrate intake and make informed food choices to keep blood sugar levels stable.



EMPLOYEE WELLNESS DAY

“Employees who eat healthy and exercise regularly are likely to be more productive than those who don’t,” says the Executive Mayor, Alderwoman MP Nkosi during her address in an Employee Wellness Day event hosted by Msukaligwa Local Municipality in Ermelo on 8 December 2023, at the AJ Swanepoel Stadium while encouraging the Municipal staff members to engage in sports activities to keep fit. She further added that wellness programs usually leads to more enthusiastic employees at work.

The leadership and employees of the municipality came out in numbers on their sportswear to actively participate in the sports activities that were available on the day. Football, netball, volleyball and tug of war were amongst sports played which promoted team work and collective effort.





THE PHOENIX

The rebuilding of Ermelo after the destruction of almost all buildings during the 1899 to 1902 war.



THE UNIFORMED BLACK AND WHITE TRIANGLES

The mining and coal industry in the immediately vicinity of Greater Ermelo and the integration of the two towns.



THE CROSSED SHOVEL AND SHEEP SHEARS

Representing the two most important farming operations - horticulture and sheep farming.



THE MOTTO

"Stabiliter Progrediens" which means stable progress.